

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Florence Johnson was born on July 18, 1897, on the family farm near Aberdeen, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Florence graduated from Aberdeen Central High School and began working as a bookkeeper for Heinzen Luggage, the Firestone Store and the Milwaukee Railroad where she was employed until her retirement; and,

Whereas, Florence has lived a fulfilling life volunteering at the Presbyterian Church, Howard Hedger School and the Senior Citizen Center. She loves all types of needlework and anything that is sweet to eat, such as pie; and,

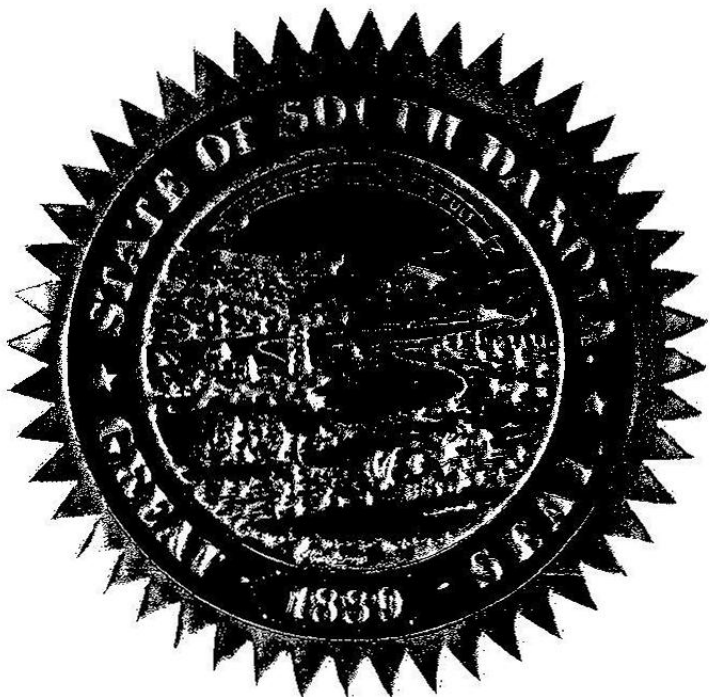
Whereas, Florence will observe her 110th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends gather on July 26, 2007, to honor her and celebrate her life, and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 18, 2007, as

FLORENCE JOHNSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I wish her a very happy birthday, good health and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State